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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims. Only those claims being amended herein show their changes in highlighted form, where insertions appear as underlined text (e.g., insertions) while deletions appear as strikethrough text or brackets (e.g., ~~deletions~~ or [[deletions]]). Claims 15-19, 25-27, and 29-74 were previously pending. Please cancel Claims 15-19, 25-27, and 29-74 and add Claims 75-101 as follows:

1.-14. (Cancelled)

15.-19. (Cancelled)

20.-24. (Cancelled)

25.-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29.-74. (Cancelled)

75. (New) An electronic device for communication with a user comprising:

a computing platform including a graphical user interface;

a processor; and

a computer storage medium including:

a plurality of classification nodes indicating music item classifications;

a plurality of music items nodes indicating music items, each of the plurality of music item nodes including music data related to music item classifications; and

a set of software instructions comprising:

displaying a hierarchical graphical library tree that graphically depicts the relationship between the plurality of classification nodes and the plurality of music item nodes;

receiving a user-indicated request to move a subset of the plurality of music item nodes from a first location in the hierarchical graphical library tree to a second location in the hierarchical graphical library tree, the move indicating a change in the music item classifications of the subset of the plurality of music item nodes;

displaying the hierarchical graphical library tree that graphically depicts the moved subset of the plurality of music nodes; and

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updating the music data of the subset of the plurality of nodes to reflect the updated music item classifications.

76. (New) The electronic device of Claim 75 further comprising an input device comprising at least one of a keyboard, a rollerball, a pen, a stylus, a touchscreen, a microphone, and a mouse.

77. (New) The electronic device of Claim 75 further comprising an output device operative to display the hierarchical graphical library tree.

78. (New) The electronic device of Claim 75 wherein the music data includes playlist data that indicates playlists of music items.

79. (New) The electronic device of Claim 75 wherein the music data includes artist data.

80. (New) The electronic device of Claim 75 wherein the music data includes genre data.

81. (New) The electronic device of Claim 75 wherein the music data includes album data.

82. (New) The electronic device of Claim 75 wherein the move includes copying.

83. (New) A method for managing a music system with an electronic device that includes a memory, and input device, and an output device, comprising:

retrieving from a memory:

data related to a plurality of classification nodes indicating music item classifications; and

data related to a plurality of music items nodes indicating music items, including music data that indicates music classifications of the plurality of music item nodes and relationships between the plurality of music item nodes and the plurality of classification nodes;

displaying on an output device a hierarchical graphical tree that graphically depicts the relationships between the plurality of music item nodes and the plurality of classification nodes;

receiving from an input device a user-indicated request to move a subset of the plurality of music item nodes from a first location in the hierarchical graphical tree to a

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second location in the hierarchical graphical tree, the move indicating a change in the music classifications of the subset of the plurality of music item nodes and the relationships between the subset of the plurality of music item nodes and the plurality of classification nodes;

displaying on the output device the hierarchical graphical tree that graphically depicts the moved subset of the plurality of music item nodes;

updating the music data of the subset of the plurality of music item nodes to reflect the updated music classifications and relationships; and

storing the updated music data of the subset of the plurality of music item nodes in the memory.

84. (New) The method of Claim 83 wherein the input device comprises at least one of a keyboard, a rollerball, a pen, a stylus, a touchscreen, a microphone, and a mouse.

85. (New) The method of Claim 83 wherein the music data includes playlist data that indicates playlists of music items.

86. (New) The method of Claim 83 wherein the music data includes artist data.

87. (New) The method of Claim 83 wherein the music data includes genre data.

88. (New) The method of Claim 83 wherein the music data includes album data.

89. (New) The method of Claim 83 wherein the move includes copying.

90. (New) A storage medium including a computer program stored thereon for causing a suitably programmed system to process computer-program code by performing the method of Claim 83 when such program is executed on the system.

91. (New) An electronic device for communication with a user comprising:

a computing platform including a graphical user interface;

a processor; and

a computer storage medium including:

a plurality of music renderer nodes indicating music renderers and including encoding requirements;

a plurality of music items nodes indicating music items; and

a set of software instructions comprising:

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displaying a hierarchical graphical library tree that graphically depicts the plurality of music renderer nodes and the plurality of music item nodes;

receiving a user-indicated request to move a subset of the plurality of music item nodes from a first location in the hierarchical graphical library tree to one of the plurality of music renderer nodes in the hierarchical graphical library tree; and

automatically encoding the subset of the plurality of music items to meet the encoding requirements of the one of the plurality of music renderer nodes.

92. (New) The electronic device of Claim 91 further comprising an input device comprising at least one of a keyboard, a rollerball, a pen, a stylus, a touchscreen, a microphone, and a mouse.

93. (New) The electronic device of Claim 91 further comprising an output device operative to display the hierarchical graphical library tree.

94. (New) The electronic device of Claim 91 wherein the music renderer nodes represent at least one of a stationary device, a stereo system, a portable device, a Diamond RIO, a RCA Lyra, a portable radio, and a personal display adapter.

95. (New) The electronic device of Claim 91 wherein the set of software instructions further comprises displaying on the output device the hierarchical graphical tree that graphically depicts the moved subset of the plurality of music item nodes.

96. (New) A method for managing a music system with an electronic device that includes a memory, and input device, and an output device, comprising:

retrieving from a memory:

data related to a plurality of music renderer nodes indicating music renderers and including encoding requirements; and

data related to a plurality of music items node indicating music items;

displaying on an output device a hierarchical graphical tree that graphically depicts the plurality of music renderer nodes and the plurality of music item nodes;

receiving from an input device a user-indicated request to move a subset of the plurality of music item nodes from a first location in the hierarchical graphical tree to one of the plurality of music renderer nodes in the hierarchical graphical tree;

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automatically encoding the subset of the plurality of music items to meet the encoding requirements of the one of the plurality of music renderer nodes; and
storing the encoded data of the subset of the plurality of music item nodes in the memory.

97. (New) The method of Claim 96 wherein the input device comprises at least one of a keyboard, a rollerball, a pen, a stylus, a touchscreen, a microphone, and a mouse.

98. (New) The method of Claim 96 wherein the music renderer nodes represent at least one of a stationary device, a stereo system, a portable device, a Diamond RIO, a RCA Lyra, a portable radio, and a personal display adapter.

99. (New) The method of Claim 96 wherein the move includes copying.

100. (New) The method of Claim 96 further comprising displaying on the output device the hierarchical graphical tree that graphically depicts the moved subset of the plurality of music item nodes

101. (New) A storage medium including a computer program stored thereon for causing a suitably programmed system to process computer-program code by performing the method of Claim 96 when such program is executed on the system.